

10 April 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Inspection and Security Staff  
THRU: Executive  
SUBJECT: Security of Information of Intelligence Sources  
and Methods, and Avoidance of Publicity  
  
REFERENCE: Memorandum from COAPS to the DCI dated 10 April,  
subject same as above

1. The reference memorandum calls attention to a serious security breach. The occurrence of this breach brings to mind the fact that there are no known inter-agency policies and procedures governing the security of information of intelligence sources and methods, other than the broad directives contained in NSCIDs 11 and 12. In other words, it would appear that these two NSCIDs require amplification, implementation and enforcement.

2. It is suggested that you explore the subject of the security of information of intelligence sources and methods with a view to our submitting recommendations to the Director concerning such phases as the following:

a. The negotiation and publication of DCIDs or Interagency Operating Procedures to amplify and implement NSCIDs 11 and 12;

b. The assignment of responsibility for the enforcement of security measures throughout the Government;

c. The responsibility which CIA should assume in such enforcement;

d. What element or elements of CIA should carry out any responsibility assumed by CIA.

3. We should like to discuss this matter with someone from your office at a convenient time.

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Coordination, Operations  
and Policy Staff

cc: Advisory Council